



# Global health show to be held in Jeddah

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Aug. 19 — Jeddah will host the first international health care exhibition to be held in Saudi Arabia next year. ARABHEALTH 82 will open at the Jeddah Expo Center Feb. 20 and will last five days, according to a press release received here Wednesday.

The exhibition is attracting unprecedented interest from medical suppliers in North America, Western Europe, the Middle East and Far East, the organizers claim. The show emulates the success of its three predecessors, held in Dubai, by assembling, under one roof and at one time, the largest and most comprehensive display of health care equipment and services ever displayed in the Middle East.

Many companies will be exhibiting in national groups and negotiations are at an advanced stage for official support of the governments of the United Kingdom, France, West Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark and Finland. The exhibition has been approved by the U.S. Department

## Al-Sheikh chairs U senate meeting

TAIF, Aug. 19 (SPA) — The senate of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University met at the Masarah Hotel here Wednesday under Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, higher education minister and chancellor of Saudi Arabian universities.

The meeting was attended by IMISIU

## Agriculture bank issues 77 loans

HASA, Aug. 19 (SPA) — The Agricultural Bank issued 77 loans totalling SR14.2 million through its offices in Hofuf, Qatif and Hafir Al-Baten during July, bank officials said Wednesday.

Ahmed Al-Hussein, the bank's Hofuf bureau director, said that the loans provided farmers with agricultural machinery, fertilizers, seeds, water pumps, cash for workers' wages, spare parts and trucks. The loans covered farmers, poultry farm owners and leaders of agricultural machinery. They also contributed in establishing three poultry projects, the director said.

of Commerce.

The event, licensed by the Commerce Ministry in the Kingdom, is planned and managed by two leading organizers in the Arabian Peninsula, Fairs and Exhibitions Limited of London and Al-Harithy Company of Jeddah. Al-Harithy is the first Saudi Arabian company to establish exhibition sites in the Kingdom, while Fair and Exhibitions have organized many specialist trade and popular consumer care exhibitions in the Middle East.

ARABHEALTH 82 is being held at a time when Saudi Arabia's Health Ministry has been allocated no less than \$10.5 billion to develop its services under the Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan, 1980-85. In addition to major projects already underway, this will provide for over 23,000 new hospital beds, some 90 rural clinics and 730 health centers. "The plan offers opportunities which no exporter of health care products can afford to ignore," the organizers say. ARABHEALTH 82 is expected to bring exhibitors face to face with an influential and specialist audience.

## MWL denies allegations of Spain's press

MAKKAH, Aug. 19 (SPA) — The Muslim World League Wednesday categorically denied a Cordova-Based Spanish newspaper's report claiming it has a document from MWL, which proves that the latter is striving for the restoration of Andalusia (Spain) and has secret plans for the purchase of lands in Spain.

A statement by MWL's secretariat general declared that "the document has been forged and is intended to make intrigues and to stir sentiments and hatred between the Islamic world and friendly Spain."

The statement made a categorical denial that it has ever published the document. It reaffirmed that the Spanish newspaper's report had "primarily intended to spoil the strong and cordial relations and mutual respect existing between Spain and the Arab and Islamic states". The report further aimed at distorting MWL's role in spreading the teaching of Islam throughout the world, the statement said, and added that "these pre-planned machinations will never achieve their goal."

## Jubail to have SR3m public park National companies let road contracts

TAIF, Aug. 19 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, acting communications minister, Wednesday signed four contracts for building roads and supervising work on some projects. The contracts, which totaled approximately SR62.6 million, were awarded to national companies.

The first contract, worth SR16.2 million, calls for building the third phase of 80 kms. of agricultural roads in the Hail Region. This brings the total length of agricultural roads in the area to 339 kms. costing SR57.7 million.

## Officials receive religious leaders

TAIF, Aug. 19 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah received Wednesday North Yemen's Mufti (grand judge) Sheikh Ahmed Muhammad Zabarah, who is visiting the Kingdom currently. Cordial talks on bilateral relations were exchanged during the meeting.

Interior Minister Prince Naif received Tiyar Olti, head of the Turkish religious affairs department. The two officials discussed a number of Islamic issues.

The second contract provides for building side roads for the Muhammadi Road in Kharij. The total length of the roads will be 13.5 kms. costing SR13.8 million. The other two contracts involve supervision of the construction of Baqqa Hail road and Arar bridge. Their combined cost is SR32.6 million.

In other construction context, it was reported Wednesday that Jubail Municipality will implement several projects shortly, including one for permanent asphalted of some streets. The project, estimated to cost SR34 million, will be put forward to a public tender Aug. 23, officials reported.

Jubail Mayor Muhammad Abdullah Al-Mansour said work is underway on a public garage which will cost SR3 million. Implementation of an asphalted and illumination project for King Faisal northern and eastern streets will begin shortly, the mayor said.

The municipality is planning a complete survey for Jubail, Kingdom's largest industrial city on the Gulf. The project will be let to a tender this week, Mayor Mansour said. He added that the municipality received recently

## First Pakistani pilgrims' group reaches Jeddah

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Aug. 19 — The first batch of Pakistani pilgrims arrived here Wednesday morning aboard the *Safina-e-Arab*. The group included 1,374 pilgrims. About 50,000 people will be coming from Pakistan to perform the pilgrimage this year, 11,000 of them by sea.

The pilgrims were received at Jeddah Islamic Port by Pakistan's embassy pilgrimage department chief, Chaudhry Shaikat Ali, who were also present, according to an embassy statement.

The transportation of sea pilgrims will be completed by three Pakistani ships — *Safina-e-Arab*, *Safina-e-Abid* and *Shams*. Each ship will make three trips. Pilgrims coming by air will start arriving here from Aug. 23. Their transportation will be completed by Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) in 170 special flights by Oct. 2.

This year, Pakistani pilgrims are travelling on special pilgrimage passports. About 6,000 of them will come in groups of 40 to 45. They form 145 groups who will travel, live and return home together. Group leaders visited the Kingdom earlier to lease accommodation for their groups in Makkah. The embassy also has rented accommodation for all Pakistani pilgrims in Medina.

the temporary asphalted project for some streets of the city which cost SR4 million.

In a separate development, the Eastern Province Environmental Health Committee met Wednesday under its chairman Abdul Rahman Al-Shubail, Eastern province municipal and rural affairs director general. The committee discussed issues related to environmental health in the region's cities, including a request by Jubail Municipality for tankers for transporting water.

The trucks will help distribute water in Jubail by bringing in water from the desalination plant, east of the city. The trucks' work will be temporary, until a network for the supply of desalted water is completed.

The committee also studied the hazards on public health resulting from the open disposal canal passing through Hofuf and Mubraz in Hassa Region.

Progress of work on Qatif's sewage network expansion project was reviewed during the meeting.

## COMMENT

By Awadh Halwani  
Al-Nadwa

Agricultural fields represent a productive wealth whose protection and maintenance is a significant obligation of the Ministry of Agriculture. In my view, even the wasteland should not be subjected to various plans and projects, as the Ministry of Agriculture can easily reclaim the wasteland and turn it into agricultural fields to provide more yield for the country.

I had a chance to visit Wadi Fatimah, Khafif, Huda Al-Sham, Asfan and Khulais, where I noticed that a number of farms had been turned into construction plots. I fear this phenomenon might one day transform fields and cultivable lands into residential areas under the pretext that those areas suffer from irrigation sources. However, such an argument, if advanced, will not hold good, because the state continues to make commendable efforts to make water available for irrigation. We are convinced that one day we shall be able to overcome the problems created by water scarcity, through ceaseless and concerted efforts being exerted by the state in this direction.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Agriculture is urged to take note of this phenomenon and adopt measures to see that farms and cultivable lands are saved from residential schemes. We have a big country and areas other than those good for cultivation could be brought under residential plans. If not, a day will come when we shall repent for having lost agricultural lands in favor of residential projects.

## BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — Riyadh Police Director Brig. Muhammad ibn Ayesh said Wednesday that 1,200 foreigners have been arrested for residing in the country without proper permits. The illegal residents, coming from several countries, were arrested in special campaigns from June 9 until Aug. 17, he said. Of these, 1,060 have been deported to their countries, 80 are on the process and 75 had their residence legalized.

DAMMAM, (SPA) — Faisal Al-Shuhail, chairman of the government railroad organization, Wednesday met with shipping agents in the Eastern Province. During the meeting attended by Riyadh and Damman chambers of commerce and customs representatives, necessary steps were undertaken to improve services of the Riyadh depot. Clearing procedures for goods coming to Riyadh are being done at the depot since its opening in May, rather than at Damman port.

TAIF, (SPA) — The Kingdom will participate in the Intellec seminar to be organized during the fifth Arab Youth Festival planned in Damascus from Aug. 20 to 27. The Kingdom's delegation to the seminar comprises university professors and intellectuals.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University's summer center will organize a symposium Thursday evening on "effects of the implementation of the

Sharia rules on the society's security." The seminar will be held at the Sharia College lecture hall. Dr. Saleh Al-Fawzan, director of the supreme judiciary institute; Dr. Abdullah Al-Rakban, associate professor at the Sharia college; and Gen. Yahya Abdullah Al-Mualimi assistant public security director, will attend the seminar.

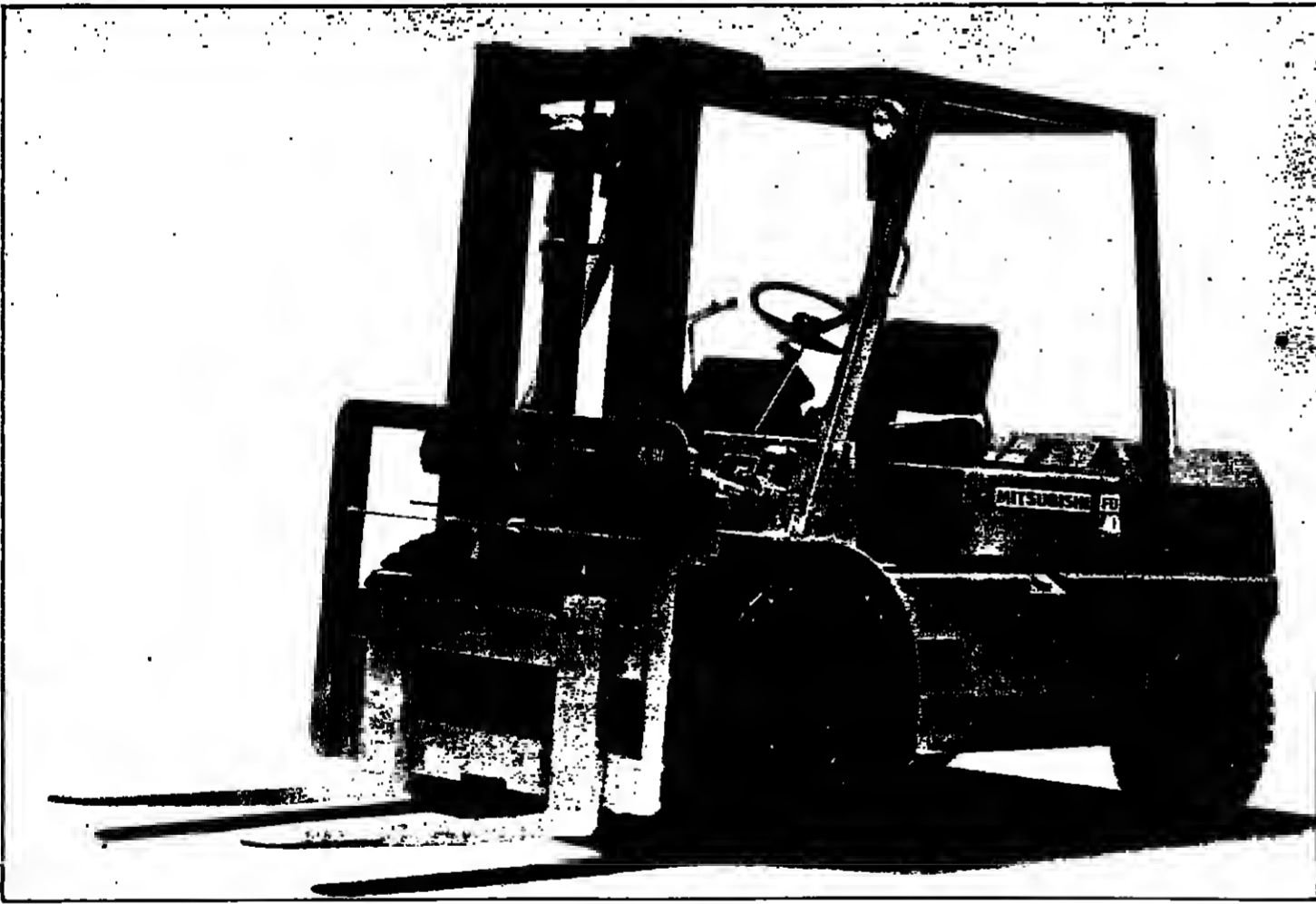
DAMMAM, (SPA) — The Eastern Province Welfare Society has received a new list of donations and subscriptions which totaled to SR558,760, it reported Wednesday.

RIYADH, Aug. 19 — Work has started at the biggest flyover intersection in Saudi Arabia as part of the ring road around the city. The SR207 million project will link together the southern and western parts of the road. The exact site of the project is the intersection between Hijaz road and the end of Makkah road (west of Al-Bakhera) in the southern part of the city. Total length of the flyover is 20 kms, including the transfer points and concrete bridges with a 7-km length each, according to *Al-Riyadh* Wednesday. The project is to be completed within 30 months.

ABHA, Aug. 19 — Snow fell in Saudi Arabia Tuesday, the local press reported Wednesday. Heavy rain fell over Al-Souda, Bilad Rabia, Rafida and Al-Mallaha and was followed by heavy snow which covered the ground with a 70 cm deep layer.

## Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr	4:36	4:33	4:04	3:49	4:13	4:41
Dhuhr	12:24	12:25	11:56	11:43	12:07	12:37
Assr	3:47	3:53	3:25	3:14	3:38	4:11
Maghreb	6:48	6:53	6:24	6:13	6:37	7:09
Isha	8:18	8:23	7:54	7:43	8:07	8:39



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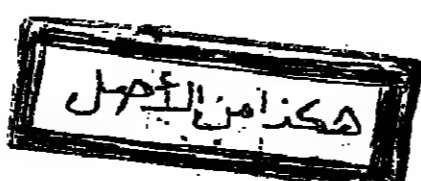
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# Nine NATO nations to participate in air-sea exercises

CASTEAU, Belgium, Aug. 19 (agencies) — More than 19,000 troops from nine NATO nations will take part in air-sea maneuvers in the English Channel, the Bay of Biscay and the eastern Atlantic off Portugal from Sept. 8 to 18, NATO's military headquarters announced Wednesday.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) said the exercise, code-named "Ocean Safari 81", is scheduled to provide "realistic and integrated training in a war-at-sea scenario."

"More than 19,000 personnel, over 83 ships and more than 280 aircraft... will participate in an exercise designed to demonstrate and improve the capability of NATO maritime and air forces to protect and maintain free use of sea," SHAPE said of the maneuvers.

The exercise includes carrier battle group operations, close escort and tactical support, SHAPE added. "Ocean Safari 81" is not part of NATO's annual autumn force exercise series which begins next month.

"Ocean Safari 81" participants are Belgium, Canada, West Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States. France, although not a part of NATO's integrated military structure, will, as in the past, assign units to join the exercise, SHAPE said.

"Ocean Safari 81" will take place at the same time as two other NATO maneuvers: "Magic Sword North" near Norway and "Magic Sword South" in the North Sea.

In an unrelated issue, Italy told the United States Tuesday it should consult its NATO allies before renewing talks with the Soviet Union on nuclear force reductions in Europe, Foreign Ministry officials said.

The call, reflecting disquiet over President Ronald Reagan's handling of the U.S. decision to assemble neutron weapons, was contained in a message from Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. Officials said it reaffirmed Italy's backing for NATO's deployment of cruise missiles in Europe, in parallel with the offer of new arms cut talks with the Soviet Union.

But it stressed the need for proper consultation before any U.S.-Soviet talks begin, according to a source.

## Yugoslav missions cut

BELGRADE, Aug. 19 (R) — Yugoslavia, in the grip of economic problems, has decided to reduce temporarily the size of its diplomatic presence abroad. The embassy in Luxembourg and consulates in eight European, African and Asian countries will be closed for the time being, the official gazette revealed Tuesday.

The consulates affected are in Marseilles, Calcutta, Izmir, Goteborg (Sweden), Karachi, Alexandria, Ravensburg (West Germany) and Linz (Austria). The measure follows a recent decision by the federal government to reduce its expenditure by \$100 million this year, informed sources said.

## Writer's 8th marriage

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP) — American song-writer Alan Jay Lerner has married for the eighth time, *The Daily Mail* reported Wednesday. The newspaper said that Lerner, 62, was wed recently to Liz Robertson, 26, actress daughter of a security officer in the port of London. She is currently appearing in a play at the Chichester Festival, near their honeymoon hotel in a Sussex seaside village.

The couple met after Miss Robertson was given the lead role two years ago in a London revival of *My Fair Lady*, for which Lerner wrote the lyrics.



DELUGE: Tropical storm Dennis has deluged south Florida with as much as 15 inches of rain flooding streets and low areas in Dade County. A stranded motorist checks to see if water is seeping inside his auto Tuesday.

## Britons retrace Hannibal route

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Aug. 19 (AP) — Eleven British researchers led a circus elephant across 150 kms of the Alps to retrace part of the route taken by Hannibal 2,000 years ago, the leader of the expedition has claimed.

Wolf Zeoner, a Cambridge University biologist, said Wednesday in a telephone call to the Associated Press that the scientists and historians who began the trip 10 days earlier were not only researching the feat of the Carthaginian general, but trying to learn more about the physiology of elephants.

Mena, a 1 1/2-ton pachyderm on loan from the Chipperfield Circus, covered an average of 24 kms per nine-hour day over passes as high as 7,590 feet (2,300 meters), Zeoner said. The 18-year-old elephant was fresher than the exhausted Academicians at the end of each day, he said, and often had to be bribed with chunks of bread, her favorite food, in order to slow down.

Mena's breath rate, heartbeat and temperature were recorded daily during the week-long trip, which began in Grenoble and took the group through Mondane, France, and the Mount Cenis area along part of the route believed taken by Hannibal, Zeoner said.

In one of the most celebrated campaigns of military history, Hannibal led an army of elephants and men over the Alps in about 218 B.C. in an attempt to subdue Rome. Zeoner said he was planning a six-elephant tour next year on a longer route from Camargue, France, along the Rhine River and over the Alps.

## Into Thailand

# Arrivals of 'boat people' drop

BANGKOK, Aug. 19 (AFP) — The number of Vietnamese "boat people" reaching neighboring shores continued to drop dramatically in the first half of August and for the first time in recent years no refugee boats landed in Thailand, United Nations officials said Wednesday.

A spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said the lack of arrivals on Thailand, based on figures for the first 11 days of the month, appeared to be "unprecedented" since the post-war exodus began in 1975.

Spokesman Robert Burroughs attributed the low numbers mainly to seasonal factors — a reference to the southeast monsoon in the South China Sea. Hong Kong continued to lead as a destination in the first half of August with a provisional total of 721 persons, roughly in line with the 1,436 who arrived in all of July.

But the mid-month figure for Singapore was 50, down from 423 in July, while the Philippines recorded 310, down from 1,118. Mid-month arrivals in Malaysia dropped to 129 from 1,022 in all of July and in Japan, to 41 from 111.

The UNHCR spokesman said the Thai figure pertained only to actual arrivals, not registry in camps — the usual barometer — which continued in August because of administrative lags.

## For political spying

# Americans allowed to sue CIA, FBI

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 — A U.S. Federal Court has approved an agreement that will allow individuals and political groups to sue the Central Intelligence Agency CIA and FBI for political spying. The FBI according to the agreement, can conduct domestic security investigations only when there is evidence of criminal activity. The agreement requires the CIA to comply with "all applicable laws and regulations."

Richard Gutman, an attorney representing about 60 Chicago area civil rights and political groups, said "it is the first enforceable restriction on FBI and CIA in spying history. The agreement, he believes will allow citizens to sue for political spying and will also enforce the original charter of the CIA which bars them from spying within the United States."

## 12 pianists compete for Casadesus prize

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 19 (AP) — The competing pianists have been narrowed from 34 to 12 in the Casadesus piano competition, which concludes here Saturday.

The fourth biennial competition has drawn young pianists from around the world. The Casadesus this year was admitted to the distinguished ranks of the Federation of International Music Competitions in Geneva, Switzerland.

The 1981 contestant came from Japan, France, Canada, Italy and the United States. All are between 19 and 32. The winner receives \$4,000 and invitations to make commercial recordings, give recitals in New York and Washington, D.C., and appear as a soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra and the Orchestra Philharmonique de Lille in France.

Next year, winners of all Casadesus competitions to date will be invited to give recitals in Le Chesnay, France, during a celebration honoring the late Robert Casadesus, a pianist who soloed with the Cleveland Orchestra in the 1950s and 1960s.

# Puerto Rico assured on language

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP) — Spanish would remain as an official language of Puerto Rico if the commonwealth were to become a state, alternate U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Charles M. Lichtenstein, has said.

"The United States is a pluralistic society with a long tradition of ethnic and cultural diversity," the ambassador declared in a statement released by his office. "If the people of Puerto Rico were to choose statehood from the options open to them, they would continue to enjoy the benefits of that tradition."

Lichtenstein noted that English and Spanish are currently regarded as "official languages in Puerto Rico" adding: "There is no reason to assume that the status quo would change if Puerto Rico were to become a state."

The ambassador took strong exception to a report published in Tuesday *San Juan Star* in which he is quoted as scolding the island's pro-statehood leaders for telling the people that they could continue to use Spanish as an official language if Puerto Rico became a state. The newspaper quoted Ambassador Lichtenstein as labeling the statehood leaders as "mistaken" and advising them to "think harder" about the language issue since "the main language of the United States is English."

But, the ambassador in the statement made available by his office at the United Nations and State Department, said the newspaper account "seriously misrepresented" the views expressed in an interview with a *Star* reporter Monday.

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12 Soviet towns under water

# 15 killed in fresh Chinese floods

PEKING, Aug. 19 (R)—Rainstorms have caused fresh flooding and casualties in China's Sichuan province, still mopping up from floods last month in which at least 753 persons died, the People's Daily said Wednesday.

In a front-page report the newspaper said the new floods had killed at least 15 persons, injured more than 100 and destroyed a number of houses in China's most densely populated province. Sichuan is also a major food producing area, known as "China's rice bowl." Road and rail links, including the important railway line between Chengde, Sichuan's capital, and Kunming in neighboring Yunnan province, had been cut, along with electricity and water supplies in some areas.

The floods were caused by up to 400 millimeters (16 inches) of rain that fell between Aug. 13 and 17 in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, the longest in China. Water surging down the mountains had swollen three tributaries of the Yangtze, causing them

to overflow over vast areas, the report said.

Troops had been sent in to help with relief work, and the air force was surveying the damage in the province containing about 100 million people. Sichuan Communist Party chief Tan Qilong blamed the flooding on the cutting down of the province's once extensive forests, which had helped to absorb the huge quantities of rain that fell during summer storms, the People's Daily said in a separate report.

Last month's downpours sent torrents of water down the Yangtze, threatening major cities and low-lying farmland farther downstream. But the flood crest was either diverted into other waterways or contained by dykes. A huge new hydroelectric project at Gezhouba survived intact.

Meanwhile, in the extreme northeastern province of Heilongjiang, heavy rains over the past eight weeks have swollen rivers to their highest levels in at least 24 years, according to local newspaper report Officials in the provincial capital, Harbin, issued

emergency mobilization orders telling citizens to put themselves at the disposal of the local flood control headquarters if needed.

The Songjiang River, which runs through Harbin, had swollen to above the flood-warning level and was 1.7 meters (nearly six feet) higher than during the last big floods in 1957, according to the Harbin Daily. Danger areas along the river had been sealed off and bridges closed to traffic at night. Serious flooding has been reported in the neighboring Soviet maritime provinces.

Moscow radio Wednesday reported heavy flooding in the far east areas of the Soviet Union and said dozens of towns were under water. The radio said thousands of people had abandoned their homes, many of them scaling onto rooftops to await rescue by helicopter.

Roads, railways, communications and power lines had been hit. Railway tracks had been washed away and in one case a train was stranded for three days before its 370 passengers were rescued by helicopter.

## 28 Communists killed in Philippines

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines, Aug. 19 (AP)—Government troops killed 28 Communist New People's Army (NPA) rebels in two encounters in Zamboanga Del Sur province, southern Philippines, the military said Wednesday.

The government said it sustained three dead in the fighting which occurred Sunday in the municipalities of Labangan and Do Mariano Marcos, about 800 kms southeast of Manila and 272 kms of this city.

The military said 25 insurgents were killed in heavy fighting that broke out in Labangan after a 40-man NPA band fired on a military patrol. The fighting lasted 10 hours, it said.

In Manila, the military said 11 Communist guerrillas were killed in four separate clashes last week on the central Philippine island of Samar. Three rebels were captured. No casualties were reported on the government side. The NPA is the military arm of the outlawed Philippine Communist Party.

## 9 jailed in Kosovo

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 19 (AP)—A television newsman and eight other persons have been sentenced to up to 11 years in prison in connection with nationalist riots this spring in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, the news agency Tanjug said Wednesday.

The sentences brought to 99 the number of persons publicly reported to have been sentenced in a series of post-riot trials carried out in the past month in Kosovo, province. The Yugoslav news agency said Adem Salihaj, a television newsman in the provincial capital of Pristina, and eight other persons were ringleaders and organizers of rioting there and in the town of Urosevac. Salihaj, whose activities were not described, was sentenced to 11 years in jail. The shortest sentence was three years in prison.

At least nine persons were killed and more than 250 injured in the March and April riots involving ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. Rioters demanded more autonomy for the province, some arguing that it should be allowed to secede from Yugoslavia and join with neighboring Albania.

### BRIEFS

BANGKOK, (AP)—U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane J. Kirkpatrick arrived in Bangkok early Wednesday morning for talks with Thai leaders, including Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, U.S. officials said. Kirkpatrick is on a tour of South Asian countries, including Thailand, for talks which include issues on the agenda for the upcoming U.N. General Assembly.

NEW DELHI, (AP)—A cholera outbreak in a state-run hospital here had killed four new-born babies and forced the authorities to close down the hospital's nursery wing, officials said Wednesday. A pregnant woman with cholera passed on the infection to her baby and three infants in the nursery wing, doctors said.

CANBERRA, (AFP)—Three men were killed Wednesday when a Royal Australian Air Force Iroquois helicopter crashed five kilometers north of an RAAF base near Newcastle. The helicopter was being test flown following extensive technical checking. The Department of Defense said the RAAF fleet of 44 Iroquois had been withdrawn from service pending a full investigation.

JERSEY CITY, New Jersey, (AP)—Stanislaw Walesa, father of Polish Solidarity labor union Lech Walesa, died Tuesday of a heart attack at his home here. He was 64. Born in Popowo, Poland, the elder Walesa was a farmer in Poland until he immigrated to New Jersey 15 years ago.



TIGHT SECURITY: John Hinckley Jr. accused of an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan March 30, has been transferred under tight security to U.S. Marine headquarters in Quantico, Virginia, Tuesday.

## Hinckley transferred from prison

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (R)—John Hinckley Jr., accused of trying to murder President Ronald Reagan, has been transferred under tight security from a prison in North Carolina to U.S. Marine headquarters in Quantico, Virginia, the Justice Department said.

Hinckley, 25, has been undergoing psychiatric tests for the past four months at

a federal prison in Butner, North Carolina, to determine whether he is mentally fit to stand trial. A Justice Department spokesman said Tuesday Hinckley was being transferred because the psychiatric tests ordered by a court had been completed.

A grand jury is expected to decide soon whether to formally charge Hinckley with trying to kill the president.

## Indian N-plant shut due to leakage

NEW DELHI, Aug. 19 (AFP)—A nuclear power plant in Rajasthan state was temporarily closed on Aug. 5 following a heavy water leakage, it was officially reported Wednesday. Reports quoted M.S.R. Sharma, officer in charge of the project, as saying that two to three tons of heavy water had leaked from the reactor's cooling plant.

However, allaying fears that the contain-

ated liquid had flowed into a nearby river or been allowed to evaporate in the atmosphere. Sharma said that the leaked water remained within the reactor.

He told the Press Trust of India News agency at Kota, near the project site, that the leakage was caused by heavy power supply fluctuations

## Sumatra fire destroys 2,300 homes

JAKARTA, Aug. 19 (AP)—The Governor of South Sumatra Saiman Sagiman said Wednesday that some 2,300 homes have been destroyed by a major fire which spread over the three hectares (6.6 acres) in a residential area in the South Sumatran capital of Palembang Tuesday.

Only two persons have been hospitalized because of burns from the raging fire, he said. But sources said that over 15,000 persons have been made homeless.

The sources said the fire was caused by a discarded cigarette butt in a house used to make mattresses. The fire spread rapidly through the closely-built wooden homes, many of which contained three or four families.

The fire continued for eight hours, and was put out with the help of two helicopters, which spread dry ice-powder over the disaster area. It was the biggest fire in South Sumatra in the past five years. The victims were temporarily housed in school buildings nearby.

## Man fasts for release from Belgium prison

BRUSSELS, Aug. 19 (AFP)—Gary Campbell, a 41-year-old Australian serving a seven-year prison sentence in Belgium for drug offenses, has been on hunger strike for more than a month in a bid to obtain early release because his 21-year-old son is very ill with leukemia, it was learned here. Campbell, imprisoned in 1979, is still taking water, sugar and milk, said the governor of Leuven Prison, where he is held.

A prison review committee has approved Campbell's release, but Belgian Justice Minister Philippe Moureaux has so far refused his consent. Moureaux said he was not going to look at the files of any foreign drug peddlers until they had served two-thirds of their sentence. An Australian source in Brussels said Campbell had asked for nothing else to be disclosed about his case.

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Cincinnati Reds get past Phillies

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (AP) — Tom Seaver fired a four-hitter for 81-3 innings to outduel Steve Carlton, and Sam Mejias hit two sacrifice flies to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday.

Ray Knight and Mejias's sacrifice fly, Mejias picked up a second sacrifice fly in the eighth off Phillies reliever Ron Reedman. In other National League action, Cedeno knocked in three runs with two singles to support Bob Knepper's strong pitching as the Houston Astros defeated the Montreal Expos 4-2.

les and Chris Welsh pitched a four-hitter for seven innings to lead the San Diego Padres to a 4-3 triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals. In the American League, Ogiive hit a three-run homer in the first inning and Moose Haas scattered seven hits in 71-3 innings as the Milwaukee Brewers stopped the Texas Rangers 3-1 in the first game of double header, Bill Stein's two-run double keyed a six-run sixth inning as Texas won the nightcap 8-6.

Baseball standings

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams (New York, St. Louis, Montreal, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Houston, Atlanta, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cleveland, San Diego) and their W, L, PCT, GB.

British jockey gravely injured

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AFP) — Celebrated British jockey Willy Carson suffered a fractured skull and wrist when he fell from his mount and was trampled by oncoming horses during a race in northern England Tuesday.

Notts cling to slender lead in County cricket

LONDON, Aug. 19 (R) — Nottinghamshire remained narrowly top of the English County Cricket Championship after a controversial draw with closest Sussex Tuesday.

Boxing promoter gives Cooney an ultimatum

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Aug. 19 (AP) — Boxing promoter Don King said Tuesday that top-ranked heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney must sign for a title fight with World Boxing Council champion Larry Holmes by the end of this week or risk becoming "just another contender."



Tom Seaver

Manson upsets Mayer

MASON, Ohio Aug. 19 (AP) — Jimmy Connors mapped out his priorities as directly as he had disposed of first-round opponent Van Winitsky 6-1, 6-3 in the \$200,000 Association of Tennis Professionals Championship Tuesday.

Tuesday with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over up-and-coming American Jim Gurjic. Meanwhile, fifth-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia started off slowly before finding her stride to rout South African Yvonne Vermaak 6-4, 6-0 in a second-round match at the \$200,000 Player's Challenge Women's Tennis Tournament.

Connors is the No. 2 seed in the ATP Championships at the sports center near Cincinnati, ranked behind Wimbledon champion John McEnroe. Those two would have to reach Sunday's finals to play each other.

Mandlikova was the first of the top 10 seeds to appear on the courts of the York University Tennis center this week. Ninth-seeded Virginia Ruzici of Romania had to struggle to beat American Anne Smith 4-6, 7-6, 6-1 in a first-round match; and No. 7-rated Wendy Turnbull of Australia blew away Betty Ann Dent of the United States 6-1, 6-4 to advance to the round of 16.

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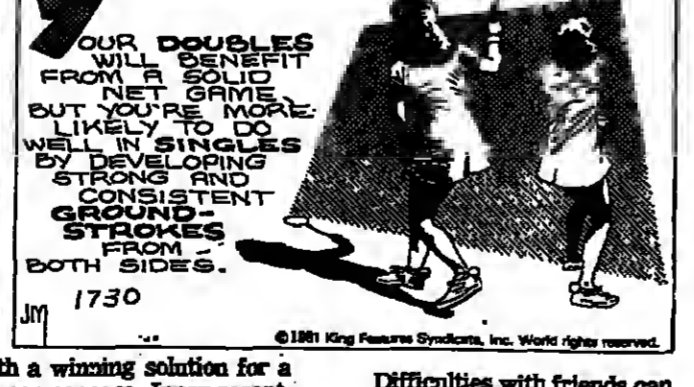
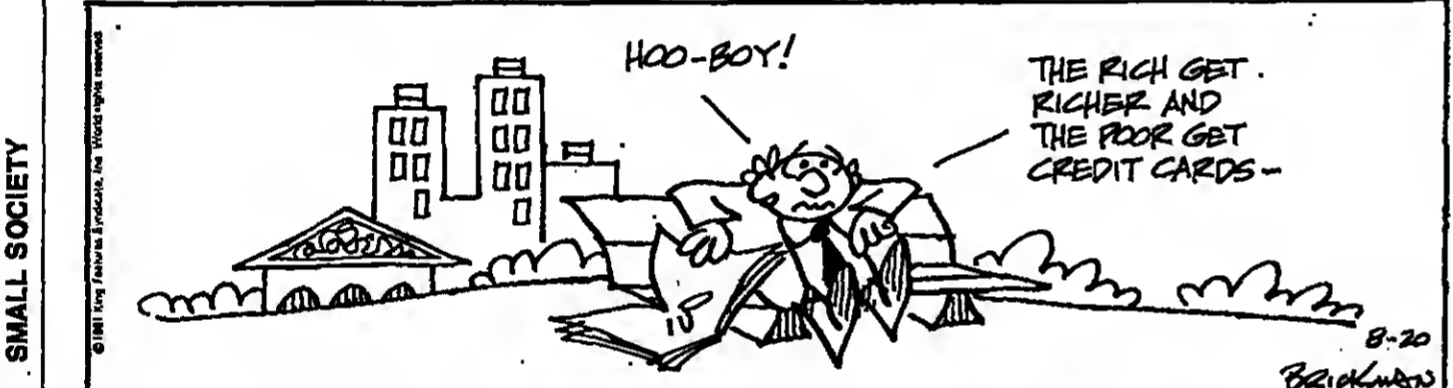
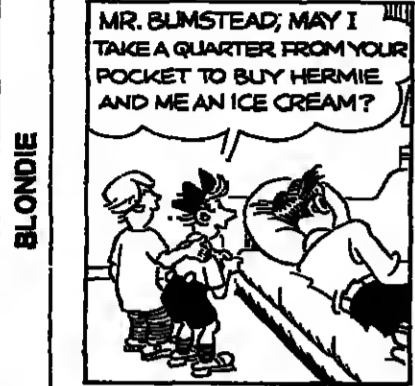
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### Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You receive important news pertaining to work. Domestic tension is possible. Utilize common sense to solve financial problems.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Romantic interests are favored, but job tension may escalate. Relaxation will help you put work concerns into the proper perspective.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Quell resentment about a financial matter. A friend brings good news. Avoid escapism. Instead, utilize quiet times to unwind.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Career and income should improve now. Avoid those who would waste your precious time. A family member may be somewhat difficult.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) By day's end you'll come up with a winning solution for a career concern. Inner resentments about romance could surface now.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Problems with a friend could arise. You always have the right to be suspicious of anyone who plays his cards close to his chest.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A confrontation of wills is possible at work. Do further research concerning a business matter. Don't be rushed into signing anything.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Too much suspicion causes problems in relationships. Be direct and straightforward with others. Capitalize on career opportunity.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Difficulties with friends can upset work concentration. Talks with higher-ups are productive. Avoid disputes about money.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Business and pleasure don't mix favorably. Consult with trusted advisers. Relations with a loved one improve. Talk things out together.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) The unethical actions of another can upset you. Avoid confrontations at work. A family member proves helpful regarding finances.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Business negotiations are tricky. Watch out for one-upmanship. Not a time to sign papers, though talks with close friends are productive.

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### Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS  
 1 Amoyance  
 5 Sheriff's group  
 10 Black  
 11 Large glass  
 12 Incessantly  
 13 - to sender  
 14 Pass between peaks  
 15 Wee seal  
 17 Rest  
 17 Aperture  
 19 Woe unto me!  
 20 Falsehood  
 21 Electrical term  
 22 In a tiff  
 23 Sugar  
 24 Box sleigh  
 25 Chaldean  
 27 Triple  
 30 Swab  
 31 Burning bright  
 32 Iranian export  
 33 Missing link?  
 35 Moflo  
 36 Patching  
 37 Run into  
 38 German novelist

DOWN  
 1 - de resistance  
 2 Embassy  
 3 Holiday workers of a sort  
 4 Child  
 5 Quick eyelid  
 6 Cereal  
 7 Long John Silver's symbol  
 8 Arranged in a series  
 9 Leo Duracher's middle name  
 11 Rough customer  
 15 Soccer great  
 16 Excessive  
 19 Cognizant  
 22 New Hampshire  
 23 Hearty lake  
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Yesterday's Answer  
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**NORTH**  
 ♠ J1093  
 ♦ AKQ86  
 ♣ 6432

**WEST** ♠ AKJ105  
 ♣ 52  
 ♦ AKQ975

**EAST** ♠ Q9762  
 ♦ 8654  
 ♣ 107  
 ♠ J10

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 843  
 ♦ AKQ72  
 ♣ J943  
 ♠ 8

The bidding:  
 South 1♥  
 West 2♥  
 North 4♥  
 East 4♣  
 South 5♥  
 West 5♦  
 North 6♥  
 East Pass  
 South Pass  
 West 6♣  
 North Pass  
 East Pass  
 South 7♥  
 West Dble

Opening lead - king of spades.

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I was lucky to get a spade lead from West because, with a club lead, there'd be no story to tell. When dummy came down, I immediately spotted a chance to make the grand slam. I realize you may not believe that what happened actually took place, but I must have been truly inspired that day to play the hand the way I did.

I trumped the spade with the nine of hearts, led a low diamond back, and finessed the nine! I had to do this because I needed an extra entry to my hand to be able to ruff two more spades in dummy. I then trumped a spade with the ten, led a diamond to the jack, and ruffed my last spade with the jack.

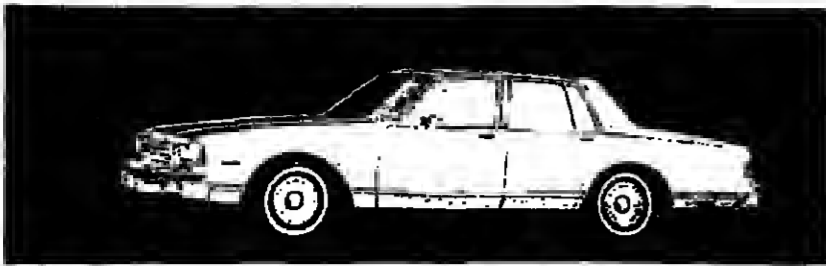
Now I played the trump three from dummy and finessed the seven. When this won I heaved a huge sigh of relief, because I was able to draw East's remaining trumps with the A-K-Q and discard my club loser on dummy's fifth diamond.

As a result, I made the grand slam and the boys at the club are still talking about my exceptionally brilliant play of the hand. Cordially yours, Ananias Jones.

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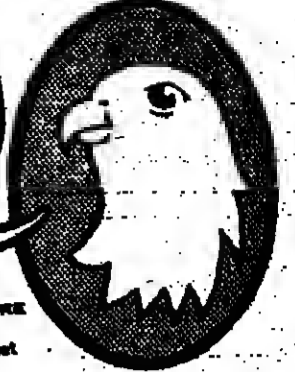


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Few copies on sale

## Army helps Poland publish newspapers

WARSAW, Aug. 19 (R) — Poland's Communist authorities published skeleton newspapers with the help of military presses Wednesday to break a national papers' strike, but few copies reached readers. The Solidarity free trade union organized the two-day stoppage, first of its kind in the Soviet bloc, to demand fairer treatment by the mass media.

## ASEAN assured American help

JAKARTA, Aug. 19 (AFP) — The United States is ready to help Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries cope with possible instability arising from the Vietnamese invasion in Cambodia, U.S. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance James Buckley said here Wednesday.

"I have had fruitful discussions with Indonesian officials on the Kampuchean (Cambodian) problem and other matters of mutual interest," he told a news conference. "The Kampuchean problem seems to be still remote from a solution but the United States is quite ready to help ASEAN countries individually to cope with any instability that may arise," he said.

He also said that the United States was aware that Soviet ships in the South China Sea had increased tension in the region. Buckley dismissed suggestions that he was exploring the possibility of having military bases in ASEAN countries in the effort to face any instability.

He said he noted the presence of the Vietnamese forces in Cambodia had triggered a sphere of instability in ASEAN countries, particularly Thailand which has common border with Cambodia.

embarrassment. But neither paper was seen on sale in Warsaw except from their head offices.

Solidarity has asked news vendors and transport workers to refuse to handle papers not produced by their regular printers. The pattern was similar in the provinces, where officials said at least six regional party dailies were published, but Solidarity said few copies were seen on sale.

Warsaw authorities said that 100,000 copies of *Trybuna Ludu* were printed, compared with 1.4 million normally. The paper contained a note to readers acknowledging that its printers had refused to handle the edition but boasting that it had beaten the strike.

Solidarity branches in several parts of the country, including Gdansk, published special strike bulletins and sold them through state-run kiosks. But printers in the northern city of Bydgoszcz worked normally producing local papers.

Solidarity said the majority of printers there belonged to the rival, pro-government branch unions, but added that kiosks were refusing to handle the newspapers. Party dailies, drastically reduced in size and circulation, also appeared in Katowice, Szczecin, Radom, Opole and Lublin, state radio said. Journalists in several parts of the country supported the strike but others condemned it.

The strike edition of *Trybuna Ludu* quoted former Interior Minister Moroslaw Milewski, recently promoted to the party Politburo, as accusing protest organizers of plotting to destabilize the state and take power. He said Poland faced a consistent threat of counter-revolution from what he called Solidarity extremists.

Police detained seven Solidarity activists in the southern city of Krakow and the eastern town of Chelm for sticking posters on walls, the union said Wednesday. But despite this latest example of a tougher official attitude, the chief government negotiator with the union, Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski, was quoted as saying he still sought dialogue with Solidarity.

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## International



ELEPHANT ON SKIS: Babbies, a 14-year-old elephant weighing three tons, demonstrated her skills Monday in a California city, gliding on water with skis, a feat she performed in the movie, *Honky Tonk Freeway*. Elephants are excellent swimmers and have been known to swim for two hours at a time.

## 3 Africans to die for 'treason'

PRETORIA, Aug. 19 (AFP) — Three members of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) were sentenced to death for high treason by the Supreme Court here Wednesday.

The three are Anthony Tsotsobe, 25, Johannes Shabangu, 26, and David Moise, 25. They were found guilty Tuesday of being members of the organization, whose declared aim is to overthrow the apartheid regime in South Africa by force.

Judge Charl Theron said that the three had undergone military training in Angola and had been involved in acts of sabotage in South Africa. According to the judge, the ANC's aim was to topple the government by violent means and membership constituted high treason. The nationalist organization was banned by the South African government in 1960.

Moise admitted participating in the attack against the Sasol petrochemical plant at Secunda in July last year. Damage to the economically-important works was estimated at several million rands. Tsotsobe admitted taking part in an attack on a police station at Booyseens, near Johannesburg, in April, 1980. No one was hurt in that attack and damage was minimal.

He also acknowledged sabotaging a rail line at the giant black township of Soweto in October, 1980. Shabangu admitted possessing a list of the names of seven blacks who were to be "eliminated."

In Cape Town, several hundred black squatters were arrested at dawn Wednesday at the illegal Nyanga camp near here "in order to defuse the situation" there, Youth African Cooperation and Development Minister Piet Koorhof said. The squatters and their advisers had refused to accept offers of work, and the camp was spreading, Koorhof told reporters.

Informed sources said that about 100 police using dogs loaded the squatters, mainly women and children, into trucks during the lighting raid. The squatters sang hymns as they were put into the trucks, the sources said.

Since last month, the authorities have arrested about 1,000 squatters at the camp, which violates laws stipulating where blacks can live. Armed police recently raided the camp, which had become a center of controversy, smashing down the squatters' shelters.

## Romania sacks party leader

BUCHAREST, Aug. 19 (AFP) — Former Romanian Vice Premier Leonte Rautu has been relieved of official Communist Party duties after his family urged him to leave the country, the Romanian news agency Agerpres reported Wednesday.

Agerpres said Rautu quit the Communist Party executive committee at his own request and the committee also accepted his resignation as rector of a Communist Party school, the Stefan Gheorghiu Academy.

## U.S. to study air safety

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (Agencies) — Government officials are trying to establish whether the strike by 12,000 aircraft controllers has affected air traffic safety over the United States.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said Tuesday it was starting a two-month study of the effects of the walkout on air safety. It will also consider the changes in the control system made by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in response to the strike, now entering its third week. The NTSB and FAA are both part of the transportation department. But the NTSB usually investigates accidents and makes safety recommendations to the FAA and other government agencies.

The board said there were no specific incidents or problems that led to the review but said it felt it should take a general look at the air traffic system as part of its duties. Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis said an independent group called the Flight Safety Foundation would also conduct a review of the system.

News of the investigations came amid fresh charges by the Professional Air Traffic Controllers' Organization (PATCO) that there had been 15 aircraft near misses since the strike began on Aug. 3. The administration has denied the charges, saying U.S. airways are "as safe as they have ever been," FAA spokesman Lynn Helms said the agency had "not confirmed a single incident in which there has truly been a near miss." The government refuses to reopen negotiations with, or to rehire, striking PATCO members fired by President Ronald Reagan for taking part in an illegal walkout.

Control towers and radar centers are now staffed by military personnel, supervisors,

## Maze striker nears death

BELFAST, Aug. 19 (AP) — Relatives of Irish nationalist guerrilla Michael Devine kept vigil at his bedside in the Maze Prison hospital Wednesday as he neared death in his 59th day without food. Nine other hunger strikers have died since the protest against the British government began March 1.

Devine, 27, of Londonderry, was reported by supporters to be blind and slipping in and out of a coma. A spokesman for Britain's Northern Ireland Office, which administers the province, said Devine was "continuing to deteriorate."

Devine, a member of the Irish National Liberation Army, a Marxist-leaning splinter group of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, was jailed for 12 years in 1976 for firearms offenses. He was charged with possessing weapons and ammunition stolen in a border raid from an arms dealer in the Irish Republic.

In an apparent effort to counteract the IRA's propaganda campaign in Britain and abroad, the Northern Ireland Office has issued the first of a series of "files" on the Irish nationalist inmates at the Maze Prison outside Belfast.

The single-page sheet, which was distributed through the British Information Service at British embassies, describes Devine's offenses and notes that he was one of about 400 protesting inmates at the prison. It states that the protesters include 74 convicted of murder, 45 convicted of attempted murder, 118 imprisoned for explosive offenses, 92 for firearms offenses and 15 for robbery.

## Dezful attacked

NICOSIA, Aug. 19 (AP) — Iraq has said its forces attacked Iranian positions around the city of Dezful in the southern Iranian oil province of Khuzistan.

A communique carried by the official Iraqi News Agency said a fierce battle developed with all kinds of weapons and that 143 Iranian troops were killed, and the Iraqis were forced to abandon their positions and retreat.

The agency said the Iraqis also lost 24 men in other sectors of the battlefield, bringing the total number of their visible human losses in 24 hours to 197. The Iraqi side lost 20 men in the same period, the communique added.

It also said that the Iraqis shelled the southern Iraqi port city of Basrah with long-range artillery, but did not report any casualties. An Iranian communique carried by the official Pars news agency made no mention of the Dezful fighting, but said the Iraqis shelled the city of Ahwaz, Khuzistan's capital, south of Dezful.

## Widespread violence Sri Lanka blames 'foreign hand'

COLOMBO, Aug. 19 (Agencies) — President Junius Jayewardene has set up a special group to determine the causes of widespread violence which has so far caused at least seven deaths on this Indian Ocean island, a government spokesman said Wednesday.

Anantissa De Alwis, minister of state for information and broadcasting, told a press conference here that violence on various parts of the island over the past 12 days could be aimed at destabilizing the government. He repeated an earlier charge that a foreign hand might be involved in the disturbances, but declined to name any country.

"We are a non-aligned country, friendly with everyone. If I start saying such and such a government is responsible immediately it embarrasses the execution of our foreign policy," he said. More than 300 persons have been detained as suspected troublemakers under the country's Public Security Act, which came into force with the declaration of a state of emergency Monday.

De Alwis said that a "mischievous force" in Sri Lanka might have been exploited by an outside power. "It means trouble for the government, and such trouble is destabilizing. But we just have to keep mum (silent)," he added.

De Alwis said President Jayewardene told a cabinet meeting here Wednesday that he had information of "strange patterns indicating the disturbances were not racial."

Leaders of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), which wants a separate state for 1.4 million Tamils in the country, earlier

## Effect of strike

and non-striking controllers who are handling 75 percent of the scheduled 14,200 flights a day. The NTSB said its study would review changes in flight procedures made by the FAA, the qualifications and training of controllers, and the effects of job fatigue.

In Portugal, air traffic controllers ended a two-day boycott of flights to and from the United States early Wednesday, but said they will promote a worldwide action in support of striking American colleagues. The Lisbon control tower confirmed the boycott ended on schedule at 1 a.m. local time (2400 GMT Tuesday) and said controllers were handling traffic normally.

Federal Aviation Administration officials in Washington said the 48-hour boycott launched Sunday night by 317 Portuguese controllers had caused little disruption in flights to and from the United States.

Meanwhile, a federal grand jury in Fort Worth, Texas, indicted six striking air traffic controllers Tuesday, while a federal magistrate in Chicago cleared the way for indictments to be issued against seven controllers.

The six Texas controllers were indicted on charges of violating federal law by participating in an illegal walkout by PATCO. The indictment "gives me some cause for concern, but it is nothing I have not expected," said Ronald A. May, one of the indicted controllers.

The indicted controllers had signed a pre-employment contract containing a clause that forbids striking, government officials said. The controllers were ordered to appear at a federal court hearing Aug. 28.

On Monday, five controllers were indicted in Indianapolis on the same charges. The five men, all members of PATCO, were arrested Aug. 3 and Aug. 5 for striking. They were allowed to remain free without posting bond.

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